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For: RECESSED SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION STRUCTURE  
NITRIDE LINER AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**

**Washington, D.C. 20231**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2000. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

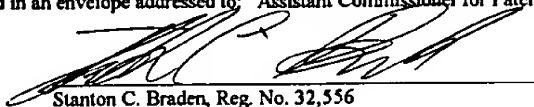
Please amend the claims as follows:

24. (Twice amended) A shallow trench isolation structure for preventing hot carrier effects due to charge trapping, said shallow trench isolation structure comprising:

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